

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, claims 5, 6, 11, and 13-16 are pending, with claims 5, 6, and 11 being independent. Claims 11 and 13-16 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 7-10, and 12 are canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced.

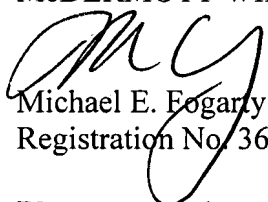
As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5 and 6 are allowed and claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. To this end, Applicants have rewritten claim 11 in independent form to include the features of base claim 2 and intervening claim 10. As all pending dependent claims are dependent upon amended allowable claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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